

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	<u>FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE</u>
-v.-	:	
	:	23 Cr. 248 (JPO)
DEDE LLESHI,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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WHEREAS, on or about December 7, 2023, this Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property (the “Preliminary Order of Forfeiture”) (D.E. 16), which ordered the forfeiture to the United States of all right, title and interest of DEDE LLESHI (the “Defendant”) in the following property:

- a. One Social Security card issued on or about December 2, 2010 to “Gjelosh Lleshi” with a Social Security Number ending in 2924;
- b. One Permanent Resident card in the name of “Gjelosh Lleshi,” with a USCIS Number ending in 521 and an expiration date on or about February 12, 2023; and
- c. One New Jersey driver’s license issued on or about November 10, 2022 to “Gjelosh Lleshi” with a license number ending in 01842;

(the “Specific Property”);

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture directed the United States to publish, for at least thirty (30) consecutive days, notice of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of the United States’ intent to dispose of the Specific Property, and the requirement that any person asserting a legal interest in the Specific Property must file a petition with the Court in accordance with the requirements of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(n)(2) and (3). Pursuant to Section 853(n), the United States could, to the extent practicable, provide direct written

notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the Specific Property and as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title 21, United State Code, Section 853(n)(1), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, require publication of a notice of forfeiture and of the Government's intent to dispose of the Specific Property before the United States can have clear title to the Specific Property;

WHEREAS, the Notice of Forfeiture and the intent of the United States to dispose of the Substitute Asset was posted on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) beginning on January 6, 2024, for thirty (30) consecutive days, through February 4, 2024, pursuant to Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions and proof of such publication was filed with the Clerk of the Court on April 24, 2024(D.E. 22);

WHEREAS, thirty (30) days have expired since final publication of the Notice of Forfeiture and no petitions or claims to contest the forfeiture of Specific Property have been filed;

WHEREAS, the Defendant is the only person and/or entity known by the Government to have a potential interest the Specific Property

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(7), the United States shall have clear title to any forfeited property if no petitions for a hearing to contest the forfeiture have been filed within thirty (30) days of final publication of notice of forfeiture as set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(2);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. All right, title and interest in the Specific Property is hereby forfeited and vested in the United States of America, and shall be disposed of according to law.
2. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(7) the United States of America shall and is hereby deemed to have clear title to the Specific Property.
3. The United States Customs and Border Protection (or its designee) shall take possession of the Specific Property and dispose of the same according to law, in accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(h).

Dated: New York, New York
April 24, 2024

SO ORDERED:



J. PAUL OETKEN
United States District Judge